

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HIKITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2827

Application No.: 09/496,183

Examiner: Cruz, Lourdes C.

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 103213-00051

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP FOR USE THEREIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 10, 2003

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages: